GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:142
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MONEY ORDER COST
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the present cost of money order and the reasons for the high cost;

(b) whether the Government propose to reduce the cost of money order ;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) As per 1999-2000(Projection) the cost of handling one money order is Rs36.23. The high cost of money order is due to increase in cost of operation and other expenses.

(b)&(c): The traditional system of money order transmission is being replaced by electronic transmission through V-Sat in order to reduce the cost of transmission.

(d) Does not arise in view of reply to parts (b) & (c) above.